COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the—*1st of August 1932.*
17th of Karkadagam 1107.

The House met at half-past twelve of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. K. G. Nayar, K. M. Ibrahim, Joseph Pettah, T. K. Nayar, S. S. Koder, K. T. Mathew, C. A. Ouseph, P. I. Varugis and Dr. A. R. Menon were absent.

Swearing in of New Member.

Mr. P. V. Subramanya Ayyar (Comptroller of Accounts) took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Cochin Legislative Council:—It is first my pleasant duty to convey to the House a Gracious Message from His Highness the Maharaja. The Message is as follows:—

"Members of the Cochin Legislative Council:—"It is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome the first meeting of the Legislative Council which has assembled since my accession. The Council plays an important part in the constitution of the State and I shall always follow its proceedings with the deepest interest and give to its decisions the most careful consideration."

I must also, on my own behalf, extend to all the Hon'ble Members a warm welcome to this, the most important session of the year. Unfortunately, to-day, as at the time of the last meeting, we have to bemoan the loss of a most beneficent Ruler of the State. The reign of His Highness the late Maharaja, was a time of great prosperity. The Revenues of the State increased, the Harbour project was started and many other works of benefit to the State and its subjects were undertaken. These events would, in themselves, have been sufficient to make the reign notable. But apart from and beyond them His Highness' sympathy and genial disposition gave Him a very high place in

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